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Enclosed also please find a copy of the International Search Report citing these references. The relevance of these references can be seen from the International Search Report. The English abstracts for the Japanese references are also enclosed.

Please note that the enclosed Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 6-119128 is discussed on page 2 of the specification.

Please also note that enclosed is a copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,572,466 which is the English language counterpart for Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 6-119128.

Please note that the English language translations of three Japanese Patent Application Publications are also enclosed. Please also note that these English translations are machine translations provided by the Japan Patent Office and the Japan Patent Office states that the translations may not precisely reflect the original Japanese text.

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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